

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
127 EAST OAK STREET  
JUNEAU, WI 53039  
AUGUST 18, 2014**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) met on August 18, 2014 beginning at 8:30 AM in Rooms 1F and 1G of the Dodge County Administration Building.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, Bill Muche, Larry Bischoff, and Bill Foley.

**Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present:** Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; Jim Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; Kathy Eggers, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Soil Conservationist; Janet Wimmer, Dodge County Human Services Director; and Jody Langfeldt, Dodge County Human Services and Health Department - Public Health Officer.

**Others Present:** Greg Farnham, Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Commissioner; and Ted & Pat Engelbart.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING:** Motion by Kriewald to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2014 as sent by mail; seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS:** Greg Farnham, Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Commissioner, distributed copies and spoke briefly about a news article regarding a groundwater protection ordinance that will be considered for adoption by the Kewaunee County Board.

**AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS:** Kathy Eggers reported on significant work activities and issues of the Juneau USDA-NRCS Field Office.

**REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUES:** The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW AND REVISED CONSERVATION PLANS:** Motion by Nelson to approve signing new and revised conservation plans; seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

**MANURE MANAGEMENT ISSUES IN DODGE COUNTY AND WISCONSIN – CONSIDER ADVOCATING FOR STATE LEVEL ACTION:** The committee reviewed and discussed a draft proposal requesting action by the state of Wisconsin in addressing problems caused by the production, storage and land application of liquid manure. After considerable discussion of the issue, motion by Muche to direct staff of the Land Conservation Department and the Human Services and Health Department to prepare an outline for presentation as a special order of business on problems related to liquid manure management at the October meeting of the Dodge County Board, and to share this outline at the September 2014 meeting of the Land Conservation Committee.

**FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM: VOLUNTARY NOTICES OF NONCOMPLIANCE AND STATUS OF ANNUAL SELF-CERTIFICATION & SERVICE FEE PAYMENTS:** One Farmland Preservation Program Voluntary Notice of Noncompliance was presented for committee

consideration. Motion by Nelson to authorize the Chair to sign the Farmland Preservation Program Voluntary Notice of Noncompliance for Gordon and Betty Belling, Town of Lomira; seconded by Macheel. Motion carried. Marc Bethke reported that approximately 90% of Farmland Preservation Program participants have submitted their 2014 annual self-certification report and \$25.00 service fee payment by the July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The other 10% will be contacted soon to submit their report with the additional payment for reporting late.

**2015 LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW:** Marc Bethke gave a brief overview of the proposed 2015 Land Conservation Department budget. It appears that the proposed 2015 budget may increase the county levy for the Land Conservation Department by between 1.5 – 2.0%.

**2014 SOIL EROSION TRANSECT SURVEY RESULTS:** Marc Bethke shared a summary of results from the 2014 Dodge County Soil Erosion Survey. Although the percentage of cropland under good residue management tillage practices increased in 2014, additional acres of row crops and less acres of alfalfa in rotation caused the overall erosion rate in Dodge County to increase from 2.2 ton/acre/year in 2013 to 2.3 ton/acre/year in 2014.

**COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST MONTHLY REPORT: SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS AND OTHER ISSUES:** Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:** Bill Foley shared information related to progress being made by the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association in preparing a lake management plan for Beaver Dam Lake. Jim Mielke reported on issues discussed and decisions made at the annual meeting of the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District. Dale Macheel reported on a variety of issues that have recently been discussed and undertaken by the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Copies of the minutes of the July 8, 2014 Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting were distributed to Land Conservation Committee members. Copies were distributed of a letter from Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Chair Jim Gronowski to Ed Nelson asking that the Land Conservation Committee evaluate the expanded use of conservation buffers along Dodge County waterways.

**PER DIEMS:** Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Muche to approve the regular per diems, in addition to the following:

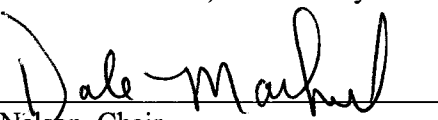
Dale Macheel – Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meetings on July 17, July 31, August 2, and August 11, 2014 – per diem and 22 miles for each meeting.

Bill Muche, Bill Foley, and Howard Kriewald – Southern Area Association Summer Tour in Sauk County on July 30, 2014 – per diem and regular mileage to Juneau for Kriewald and Foley; per diem and 150 miles for Muche.

Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, September 22, 2014 beginning at 8:30 AM in Rooms 1H and 1I of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Kriewald to adjourn at 10:50 AM; seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

  
Ed Nelson, Chair

  
Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

## LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

### (BILLS)

Dodge County Clerk - Seven (7) New Dodge County Plat Books =	\$ 49.42
Registration Fee Trust - Title Transfer for 2007 Chevy Tahoe =	\$ 70.50
Dodge County Highway Dept. - Repairs to Blue S-10 Pick-up =	\$ 115.39
Sauk County CPZ - SAA Summer Tour Registration for two LCC members =	\$ 30.00
Joe's Auto Service - Oil change to 2007 Chevy Tahoe =	\$ 29.99
USDA-APHIS - Jan - June 2014 Wildlife Crop Damage Program Admin. Expanse =	\$ 12,643.66
Brunn Dairy Farm LLC - Repayment of \$1,000 Technical Assistance Earnest Fee=	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>\$ 13,938.96</b>

### (REVENUE)

427 FPP Service Fee Payments =	\$ 10,675.00
Two (2) Manure Storage Ordinance Earnest Fee Payments =	\$ 2,000.00
One (1) Manure Storage Permit Fee (Transfer only) =	\$ 400.00
One (1) Manure Storage Permit Fee (Full Storage) =	\$ 750.00
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>\$ 13,825.00</b>

## **JULY/AUGUST 2014 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT**

### **SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:**

- Completed purchase of 2007 Chevy Tahoe from Highway Department; sale of one 2001 Chevy S-10 will be carried out through the Wisconsin On-Line Surplus Auction
- Spent several days on leave for the sickness and passing of my mother
- Prepared and submitted Dodge County's SWRM Grant reimbursement request to DATCP for the period January through June, 2014
- Prepared proposed Land Conservation Department budget for 2015
- Prepared several Land & Water Resource Management Program cost-share agreements – most of 2014 DATCP cost-share allocation has been committed to agreements with county landowners